

This diagram illustrates a chemical process for the production of hydrogen gas (H<sub>2</sub>) and iron (Fe) from carbon (C) and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>). The process involves several stages:

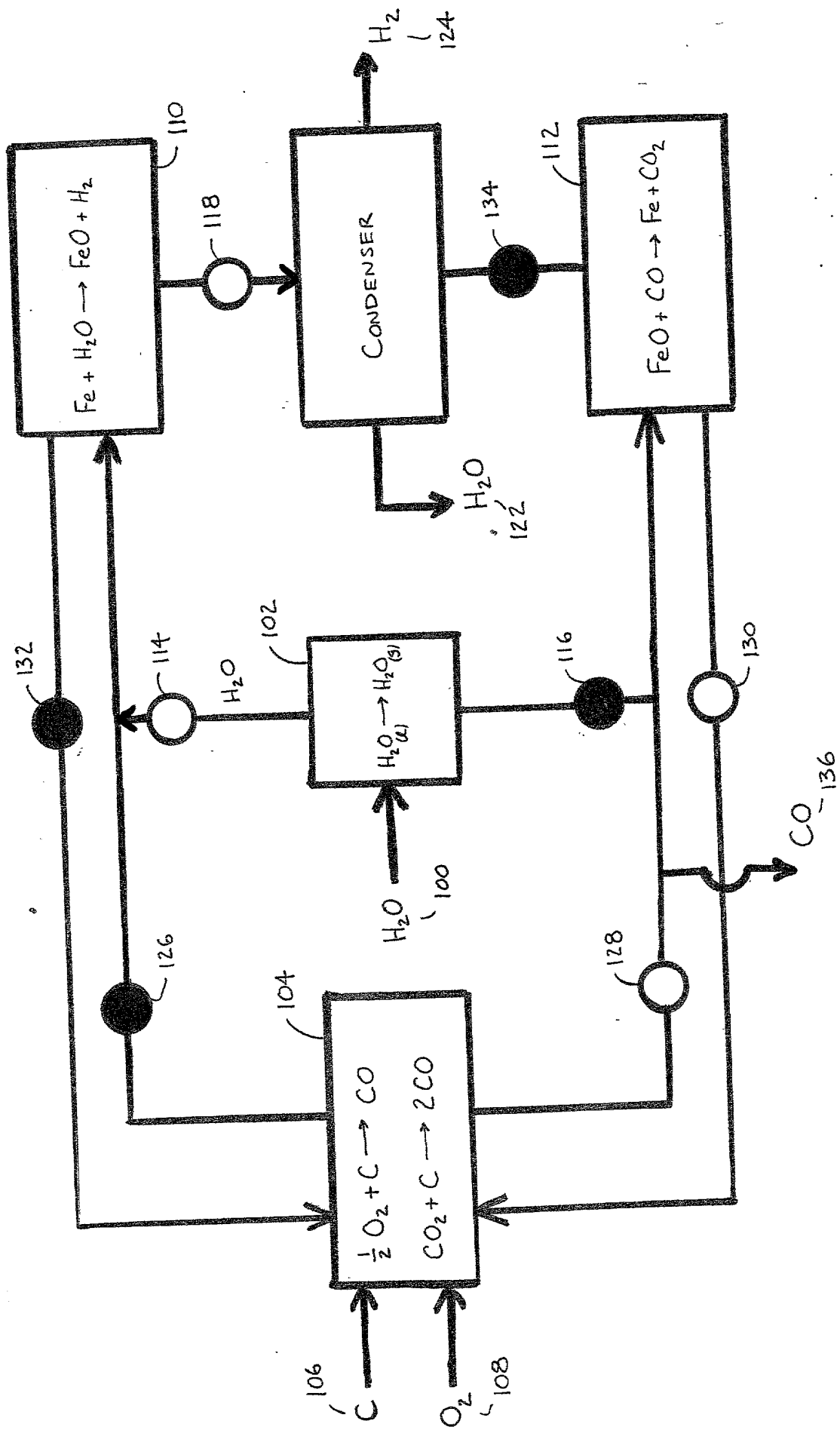


Fig. 1

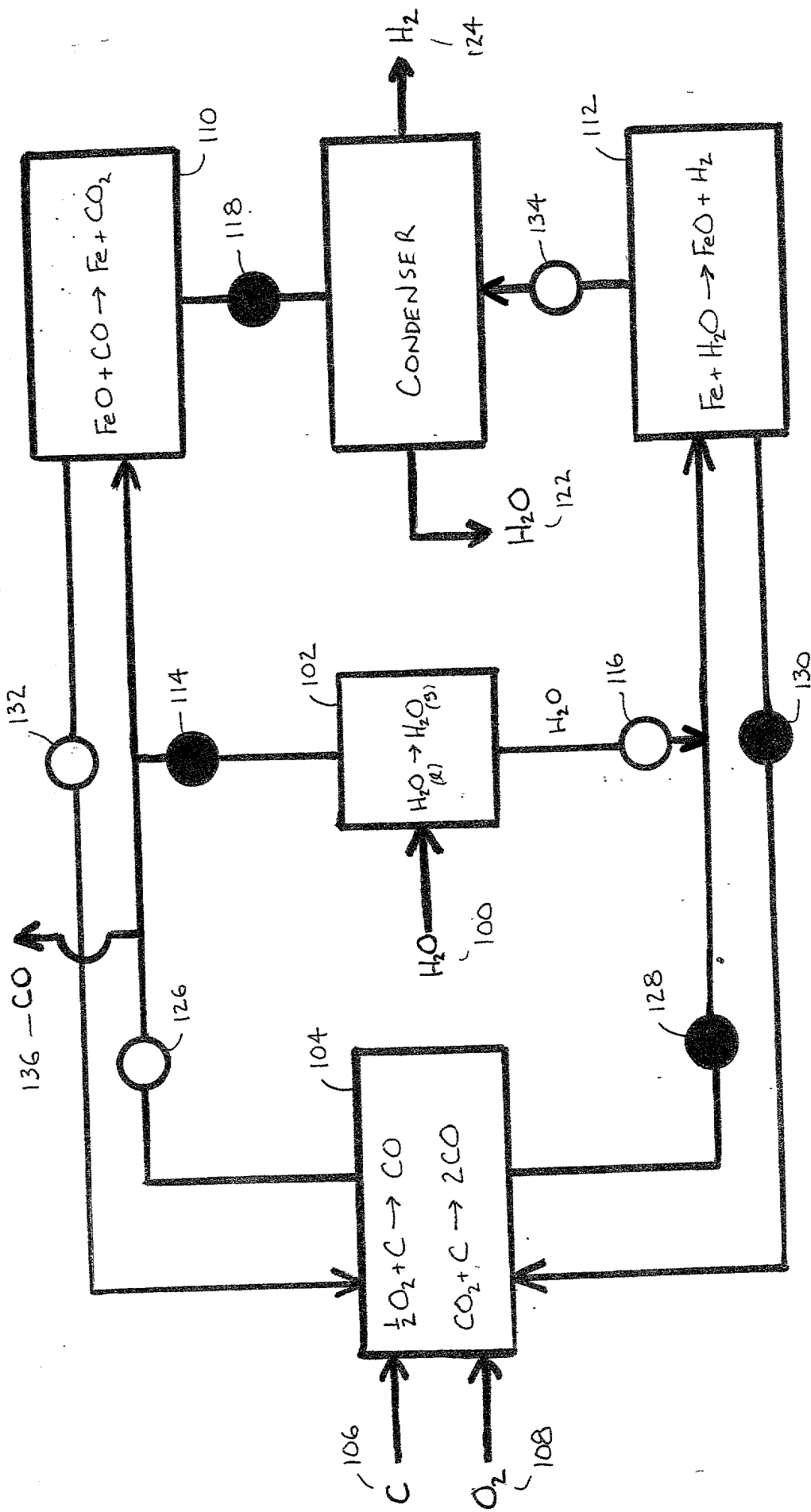


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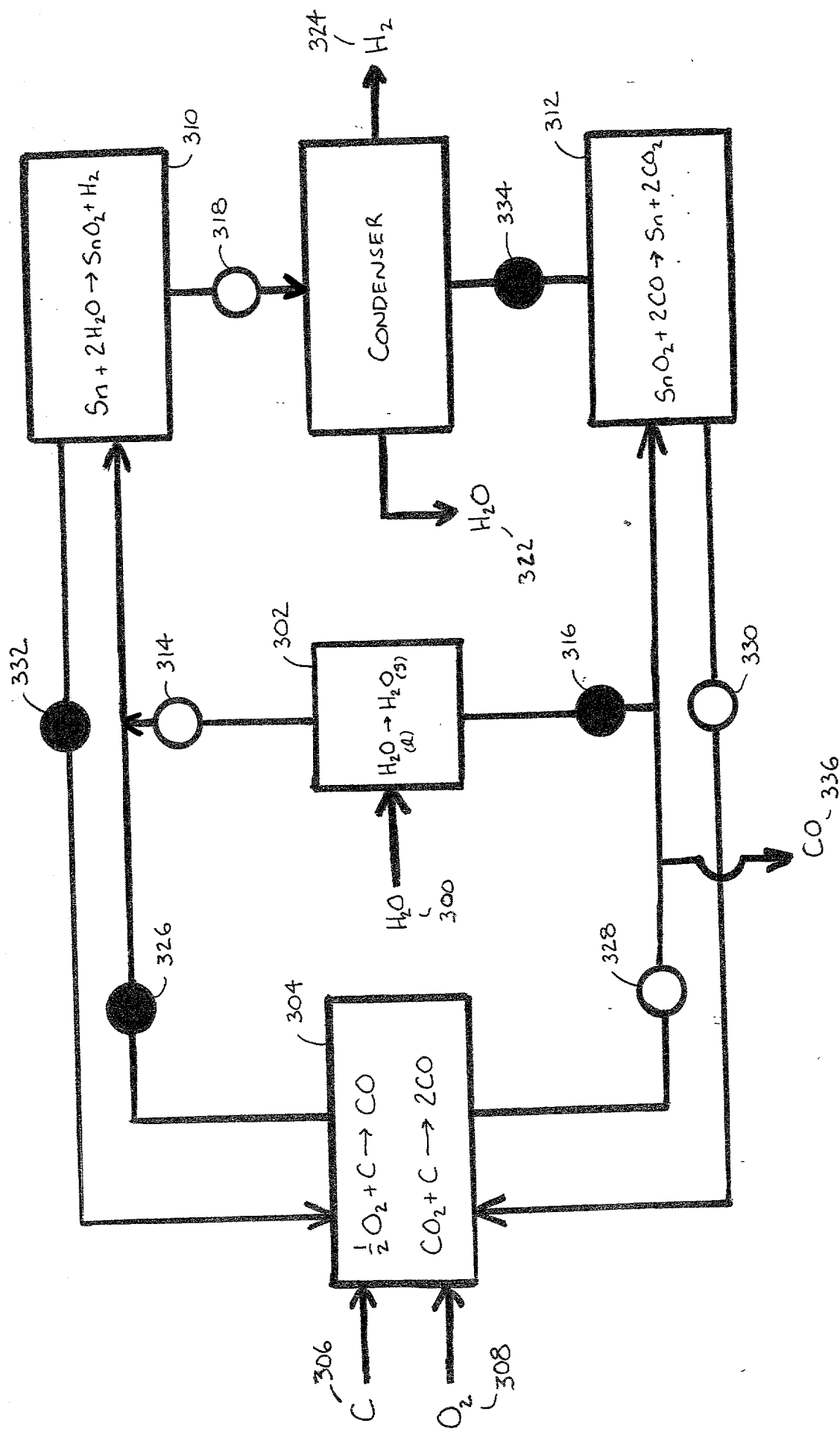


Fig. 3

FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram of a process for the production of hydrogen gas from carbon and oxygen.

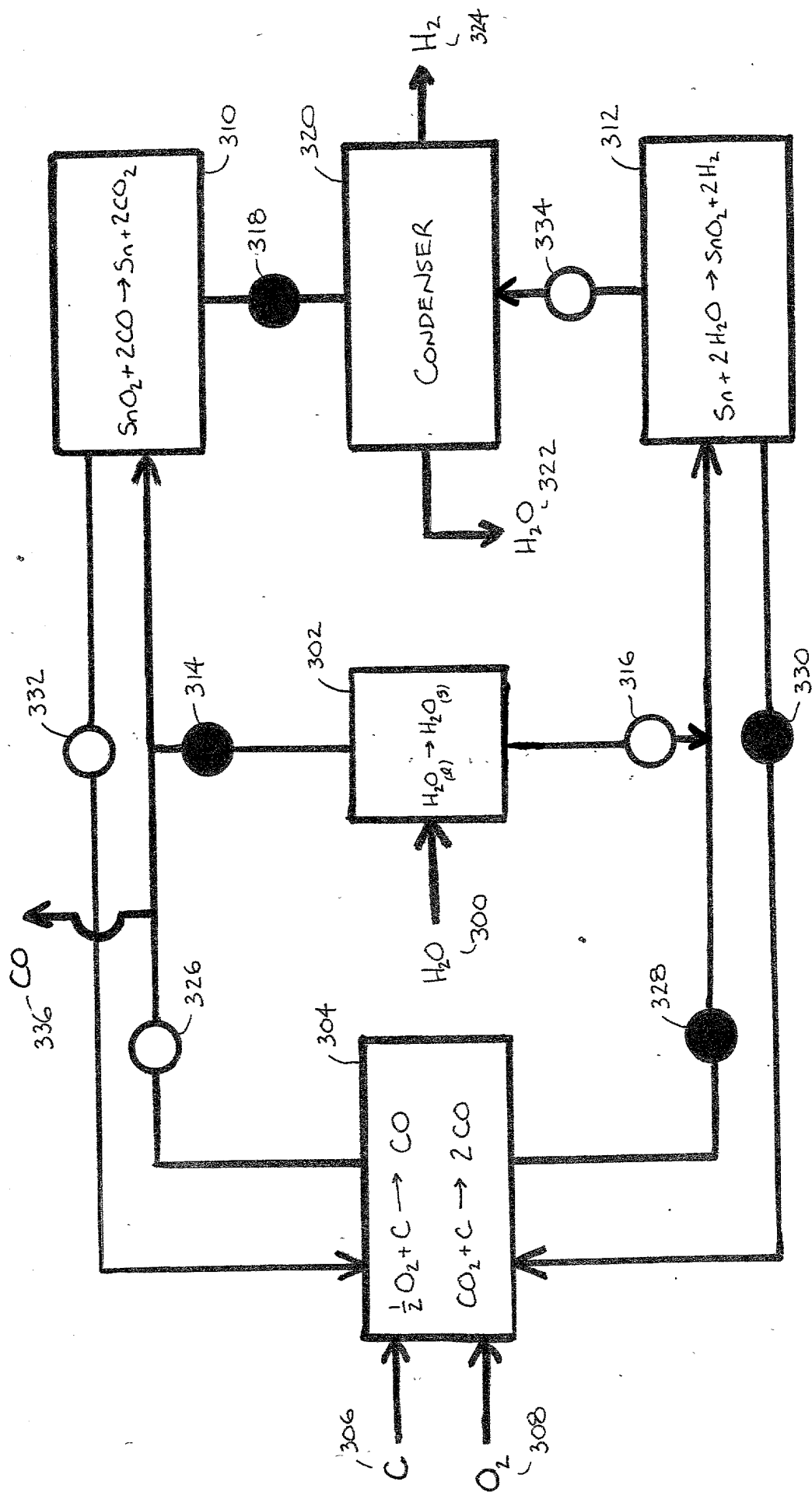


Fig. 4

FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram of a process for the production of hydrogen gas from a feedstock. The process includes a feedstock input to a hydrogeneration unit (540), which produces hydrogen gas (H<sub>2</sub>) and a stream of inorganics and inert materials. The hydrogen gas is fed into a CO generation unit (504), which also receives carbon (C) and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) inputs. The CO generation unit (504) produces a stream of CO and a stream of H<sub>2</sub>. The CO stream is fed into a metal oxide reduction unit (512), which produces a stream of CO<sub>2</sub> and a stream of H<sub>2</sub>. The H<sub>2</sub> stream from the metal oxide reduction unit (512) is fed into a steam reduction unit (510), which produces a stream of H<sub>2</sub> and a stream of H<sub>2</sub>O. The H<sub>2</sub>O stream is fed into a boiler (502), which produces a stream of H<sub>2</sub>O. The H<sub>2</sub>O stream from the boiler (502) is fed into a heat exchanger (532), which preheats the feedstock before it enters the hydrogeneration unit (540). The heat exchanger (532) also receives a stream of H<sub>2</sub>O from a condenser (520). The condenser (520) receives a stream of H<sub>2</sub>O from the hydrogeneration unit (540) and a stream of H<sub>2</sub> from the CO generation unit (504). The condenser (520) produces a stream of H<sub>2</sub>O and a stream of CH<sub>4</sub>. The CH<sub>4</sub> stream is fed into a scrubber (542), which produces a stream of waste water and a stream of CH<sub>4</sub>. The scrubber (542) also receives a stream of caustic solution. The process is controlled by a control system (516) that monitors the flow of materials and adjusts the process parameters accordingly.

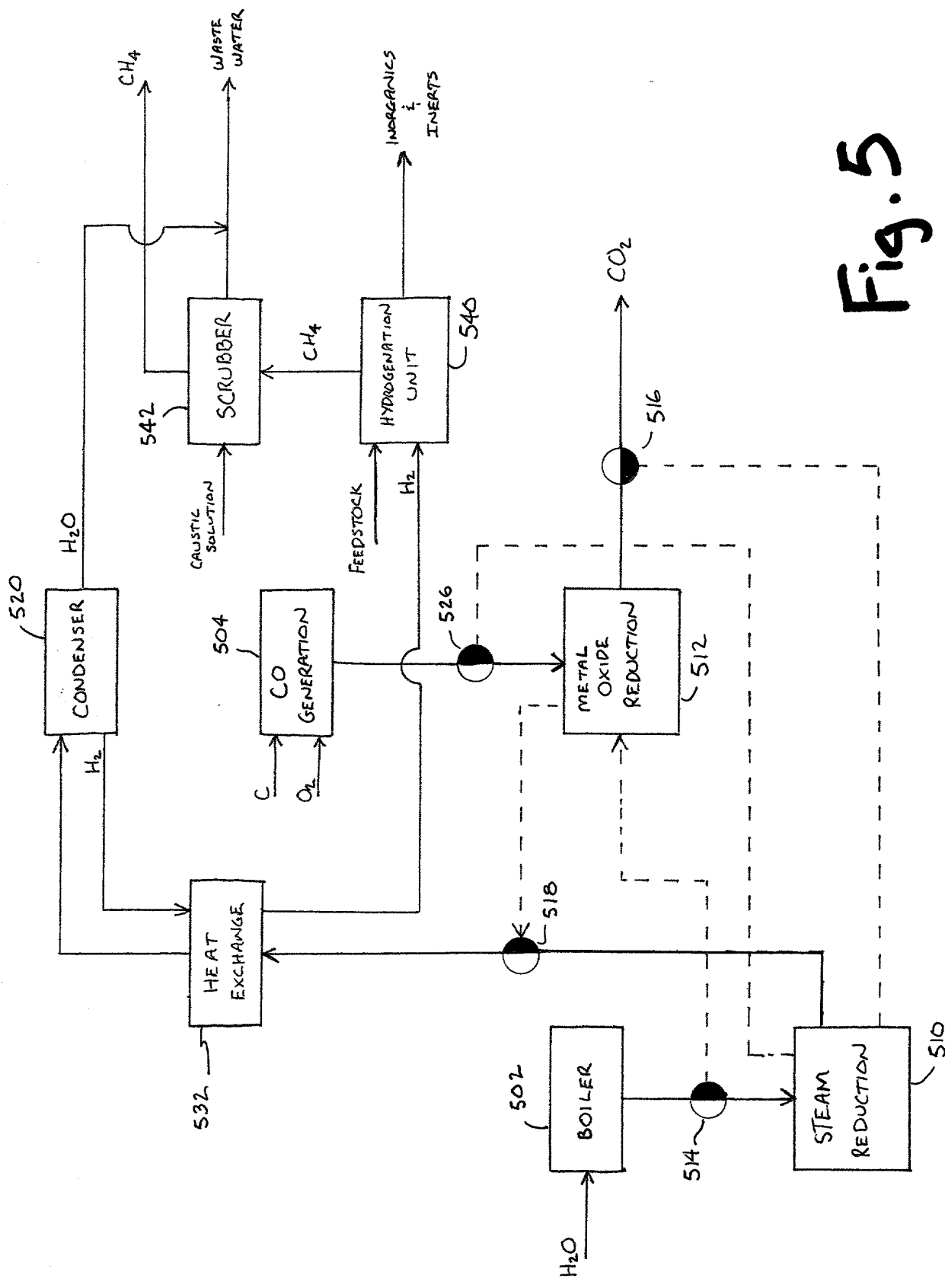


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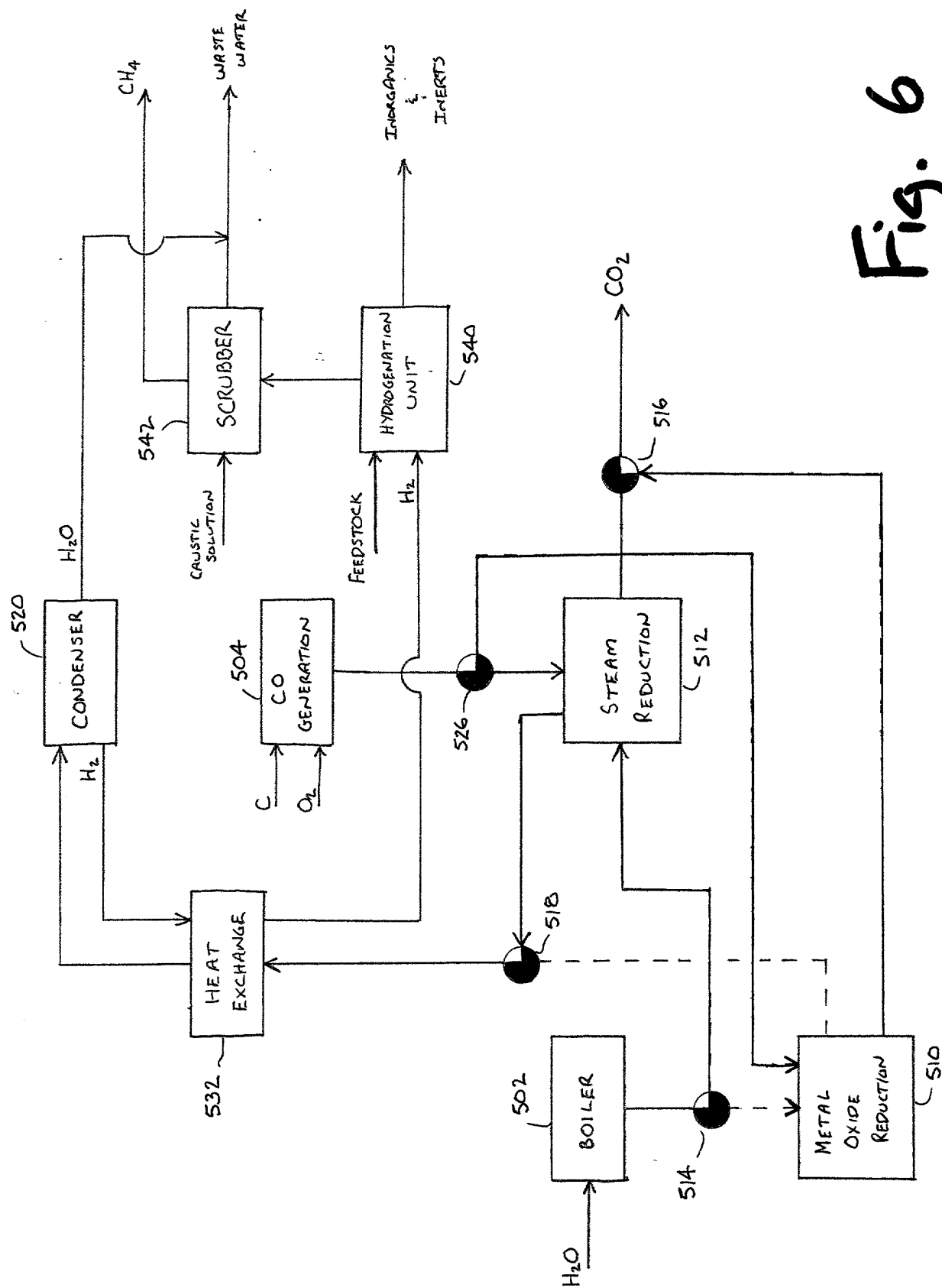


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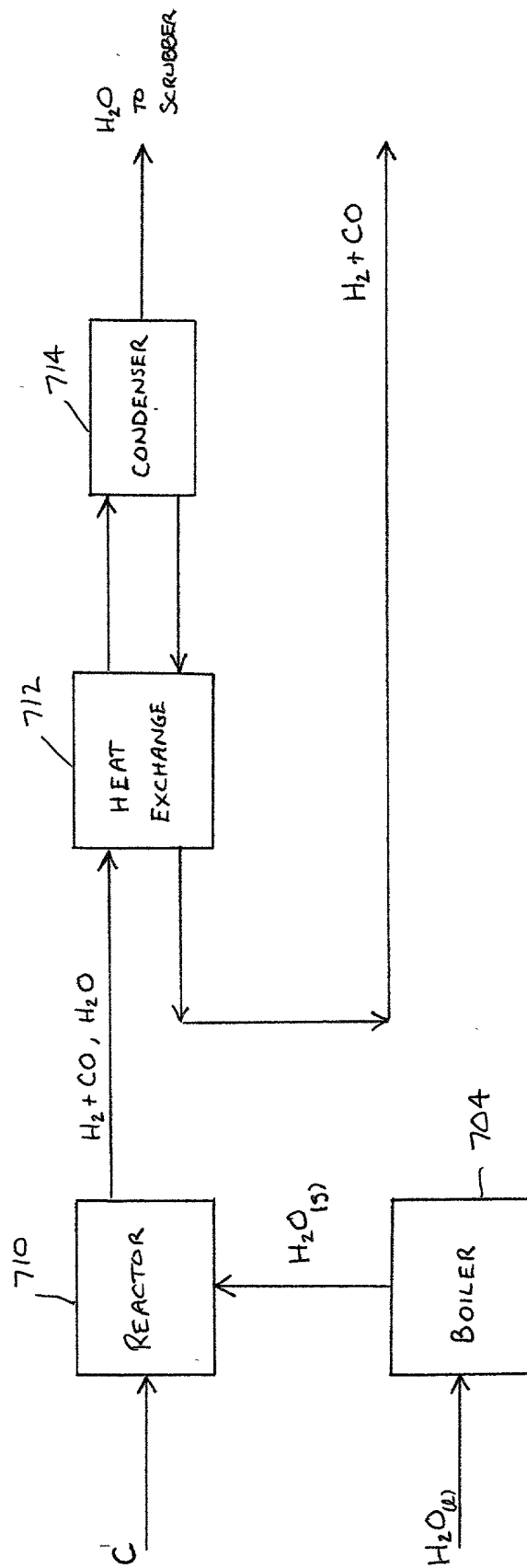


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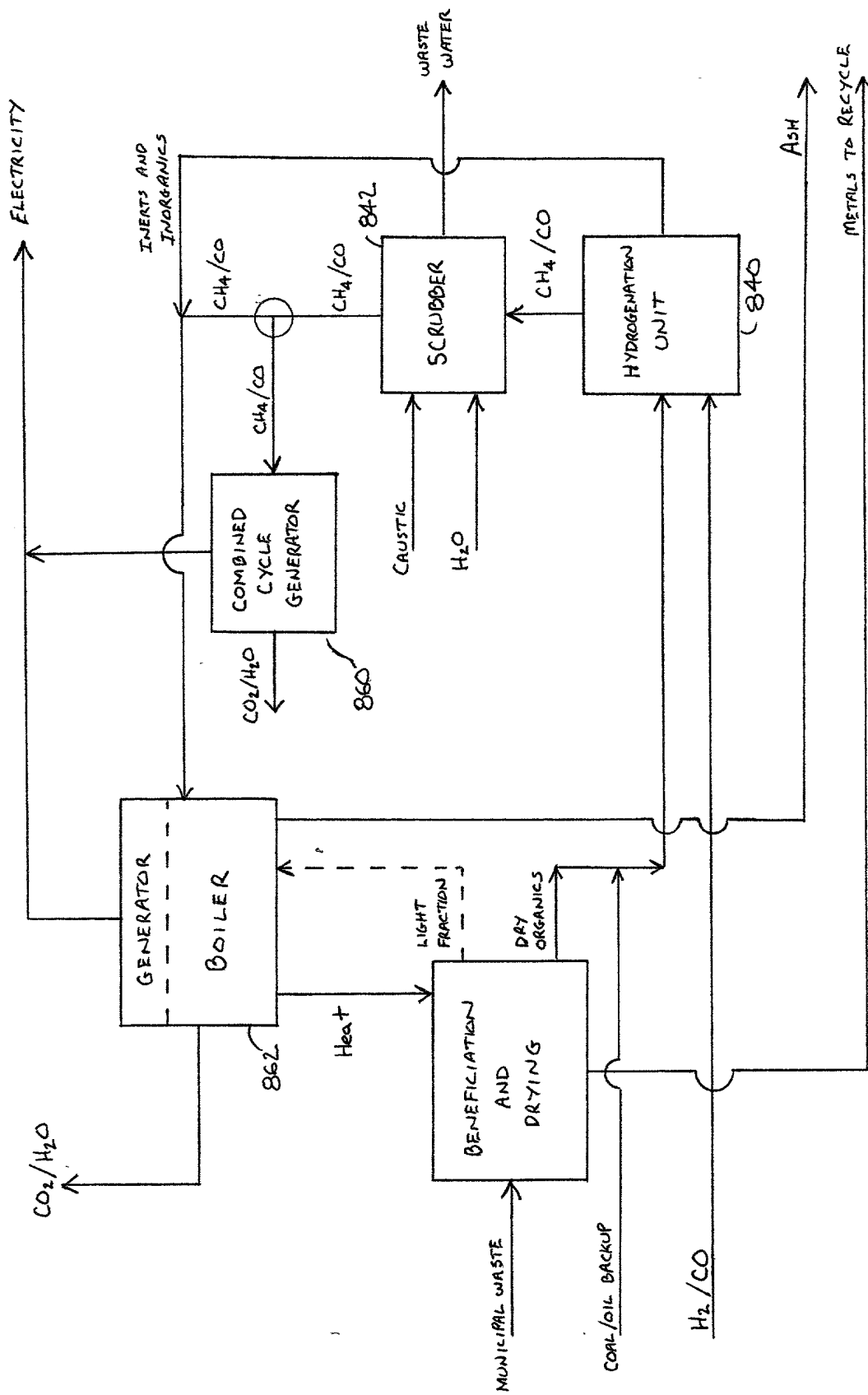


Fig. 8



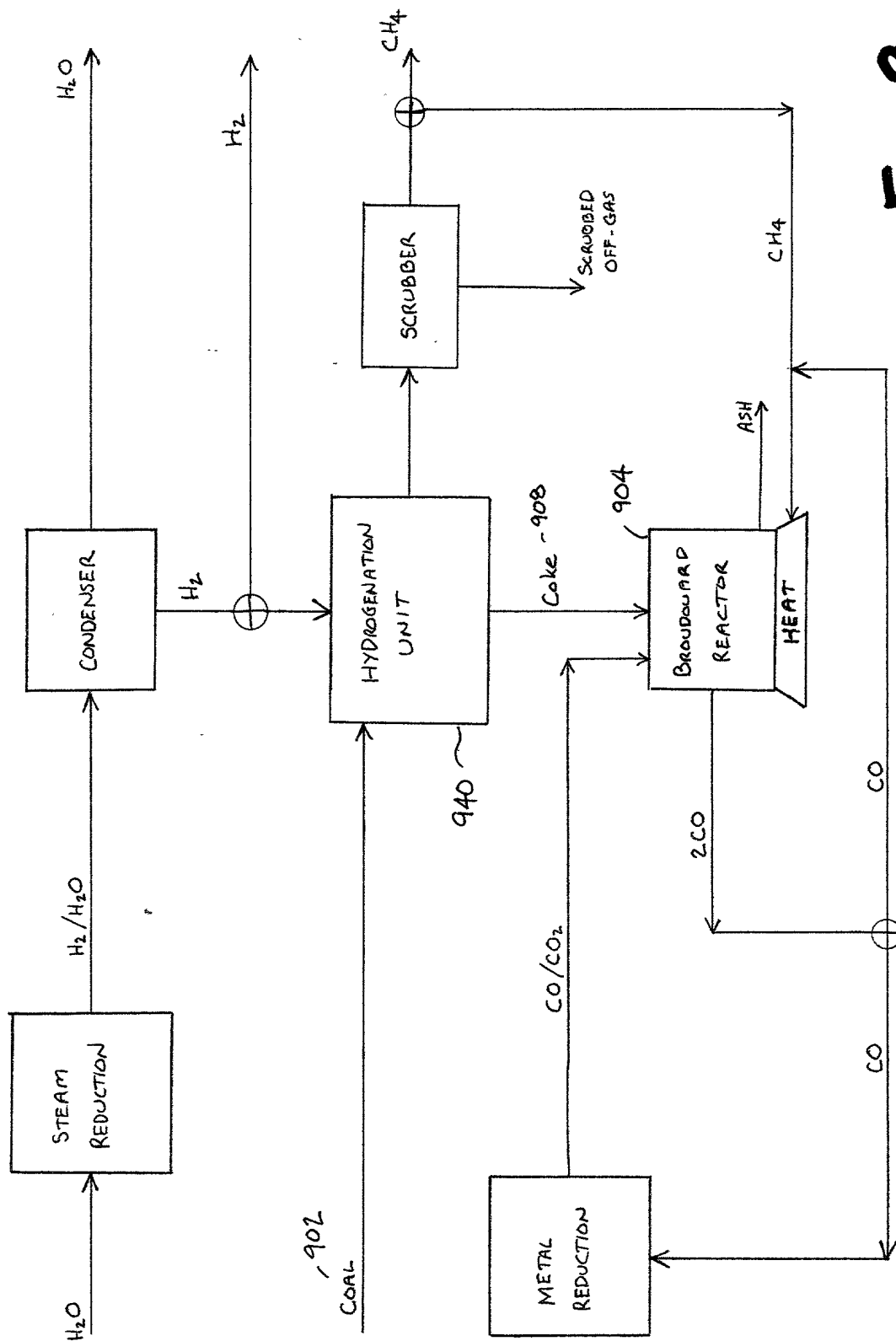


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